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Mr. Jay Bosshardt Treasurer Redmond Clay & Salt Company 370 South State Street Redmond, Utah 84652

Dear Mr. Bosshardt:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, RCS South Salt Mine and RCS Bentonite Mine, S/039/002, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, Utah

Thank you for filing the permit applications, received May 3, 1989, concerning Redmond Clay & Salt Company's proposed small mining operation(s) in Section 23 and 24, T20S, R1W, Sanpete County, Utah, and Section 25, T20S, R1W, Sevier County, Utah. The applications cannot be determined complete at this time. The following information is still required:

## Rule R613-003-105 - Project Location & Map

A topographic base map showing the location of the proposed small mining operation must be submitted with the notice of intention. A USGS 7.5 minute series map is preferred. Existing disturbances, access roads and the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on the map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground.

## Rule R613-003-110 - Variance

Section V. of the application form was not filled out by the operator. We will assume that the operator does not request any variances from Rules R613-003-107 (Operation Practices), R613-003-108 (Hole Plugging Requirements), or R613-003-109 (Reclamation Practices). Please indicate with an "X" on the Form MR-SMO whether or not you request a variance.

## Rule R613-001-105 - Definitions

"Onsite" means the surface lands on or under which surface or underground mining operations are conducted. A series of related properties under the control of a single operator, but separated by small parcels of land controlled by others will be considered a single site unless excepted by the Division.

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Your applications for two (2) separate small mining operations cannot be accepted. Both operations are controlled and operated by Redmond Clay & Salt Company, and are located within close proximity (1 mile) of each other. Therefore, the Division has determined that they all must be permitted under a single permit. The combined disturbed acreage is listed as seven (7) acres. This would place the operation into the large mine category. If the operator reduces the amount of surface disturbance associated with these properties, through contemporaneous reclamation, to five (5) or less acres, then a single permit application for a Small Mining Operation would be appropriate.

The Division will suspend further review of your application and await your reply to these remaining concerns. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this permitting activity.

Sincerely.

D. Wayne Hedberg

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DWH/jb Attachments cc: Lowell Braxton Minerals Team MN3/76-77